



Module Specification

European Environmental Policy and Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: European Environmental Policy and Law

Module code: UJGUPQ-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

Field: Law Postgraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The module comprises the law relating to the development of European environmental law and policy. The course will incorporate both substantive and procedural enforcement issues in European environmental law.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The following is a list of topics which will be explored in the seminars. The emphasis may shift where there is a shift in relative importance due to developments in the field. The list has been drawn broadly enough so that developments in the subject area can be taken into account.

General introduction: from the origins to the Sixth environmental action programme

Policy implementation: the principle of subsidiarity and good governance; the monitoring of the implementation of European legislation; and enforcement and remedies

General principles of European environmental law 1: environmental assessment

General principles of European environmental law 2: environmental liability

Scope of European environmental policy 1: water

Scope of European environmental policy 2: climate change

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The main focus of teaching and learning on the taught LLM programme is through independent research and debate in the context of 3-hour fortnightly workshops. The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research, analytical and reflective skills required for successful completion of a postgraduate level course. Students will need to complete the necessary preparatory reading and study of any set case materials in advance of each workshop. From each workshop, the student will be expected to have developed a general mastery of the subject under consideration. In addition, students will be expected to raise, critically assess and defend different points of view on controversial issues in class and to make presentations to the class on their own and in groups.

Throughout the various seminars in this module, students will develop an in-depth understanding of how EU environmental law developed alongside international environmental law and influenced national environmental laws within the EU. Students will examine this area of the law from a historical perspective, leading to present day European rules, but also from a policy development perspective. This module will also present the case-law developed by the Court of Justice of the European Union and the General Court.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

D1 An ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area

D2 An ability to recognise problems and identify solutions

D3 An ability to analyse, evaluate and reflect upon complex materials relating to the subject area

D4 An ability to undertake independent research

D5 An ability to work in groups

MO1 A sound knowledge and critical understanding of European environmental policy and law in its national and supra-national context

MO2 An awareness of the policy context and framework of European environmental policy and law

MO3 An ability to apply relevant principles of law to problematic fact situations

MO4 An ability to critically evaluate the relevant principles of law and make reasoned proposals for reform of specific areas of national or European environmental policy and law

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Face-to-face learning = 24 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupq-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupq-15-m.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Learning outcomes will be assessed by oral presentation and written coursework. Assessment questions will be set by tutors. Both assessments require students to undertake independent research building on material covered in the workshop sessions.

The oral assessment will enable the students to make short presentations on a specific topic, combining research, analytical skills and concision in a structured and logical discussion together with presentational skills. The written assessment will enable the students to research on, analyse and discuss in a structured, logical and critical manner, a specific topic.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Written coursework essay (maximum 3000 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (15 minutes)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written coursework essay (maximum 3000 words)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Oral presentation and questions (15 minutes)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Commercial Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2022-23